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## PEACE

A strange story comes out of Washington. Readers may remember that some days ago the representatives in Britain of all the conquered countries in Europe met and pledged themselves to fight on until complete victory is won. This means that victory will not be looked upon as having been won until Britain is saved and until France, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Greece and other smaller countries have been delivered from the German yoke.

However much all may wish devoutly for this, it is a tremendous order. It helps us to understand what the British mean by "victory." It means that somebody has got to provide an army of about six or seven million men, about 75,000 planes, hundreds of billions of dollars—that the continent of Europe must be re-invaded and Hitler's powerful armies driven back to Germany. That is what we are expected to do.

### Wallace Suggested Idea

But here is the strange part of this story. The proposal for such a meeting apparently originated with Vice-President Wallace. Probably some one suggested it to him. He sent the idea to the President with his approval.

The President sent it with his blessing to Secretary Hull. The meeting was to be held here. We were thus to adopt this vast program as ours. But Hull turned it down. So it was sent to Churchill who convoked the meeting in London.

### America's War Aims

If we want to know what America's war aims are—assuming we go to war, here is the answer: to join with Britain to flood the continent of Europe with American soldiers to crush the German armies there, and of course in Africa and the Japanese armies in China. There'll be plenty of blood-letting on that job—oceans of it.

Does this sort of war correspond with the requirements of those people in New York who want to go to war, "but send no men"; go to war, "but do no fighting"?

## Women Of Queens Unit Sponsor Card Party

The Women's Division of the Elmhurst-Jackson Heights Unit held a card party Friday, June 13, to raise funds for Queens Headquarters. The party was attended by an overflow crowd.

Henry R. Christ, acting chairman of Queens Headquarters, addressed the gathering, literature was distributed, and numerous new members were signed up for America First. Mrs. Louise Just was chairlady.

The funds raised are to be used for an intensive publicity drive. It is planned to hold similar parties throughout Queens.

## Queens Chapter Names Christ As Chairman

Henry R. Christ has been elected acting chairman of the Queens Chapter, to succeed John A. Dunstadter.

Mr. Dunstadter was elected last week because of his flow of provisions and replacements of to large

## McPhail Tries To Smear A. F. C.

### War Group Chairman Rapped For Intolerance

Attempts of Larry McPhail, chairman of the Brooklyn chapter of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, to insult the members of the America First Committee aroused waves of protests this week.

McPhail, who is also president of the Brooklyn Baseball Club, refused to rent Ebbets Field to the Brooklyn Chapter of the America First Committee for a rally. He then became profanely abusive to William T. Leonard, chairman of the chapter, who had phoned him to ask to rent the field.

Mr. Leonard said the committee would not urge a boycott of the ball club.

"This controversy with McPhail has nothing to do with baseball," he declared. "I telephoned McPhail to rent Ebbets Field. He refused and then turned loose upon me a torrent of profane abuse directed against our committee."

"Not satisfied with that, he wrote me a letter in which he said: 'The America First Committee—William T. Leonard, Col. Lindbergh, Senator Wheeler and Senator Nye — are associating with and co-operating with Father Coughlin, Joe McWilliams, Pelley, the German-American bund, Adolf Hitler and other contemptible organizations and individuals.' He added that we were 'reasonable propagandists.'"

"This is a sample of the intolerance which has led to the whole campaign of smearing those Americans who want to save America from a foreign war."

"The important point is that McPhail refused us the use of Ebbets Field because he doesn't agree with us. This is the sort of thing that makes Hitler what he is. New York was shocked when this was done to our committee in Miami. But here it is again—right in Brooklyn."

## Join the America First Committee

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## Sinking Of Robin Moor Fails To Give War Bloc An Incident

## Committee Defeats Attempt To Kill Hartford Rally

### Senator Danaher Rebukes Interventionist Group Seeking To Deny One Of 'Four Freedoms' Here

The America First Committee's great outdoor Southern New England Rally Against War scheduled for Hartford, Connecticut, on June 25 was the center of a lively front page controversy in that area last week. Meanwhile plans were completed for the America First Special Train which will provide an "escort of honor" for Senators John A. Danaher and Burton K. Wheeler from New York to the rally.

The controversy, from which America First emerged with the honors, resulted from an open letter to the Hartford America First Chapter written by Walter

E. Batterson, Connecticut Chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies.

Batterson tactfully urged that the rally be called off because it "would intentionally encourage disunity or give encouragement to those who are sowing the seed of discord." His letter proved a boomerang and brought down a series of rebukes on Batterson's head.

Labeling Batterson's charges as "fantastic," William T. Bissell, America First Chairman in Hartford, replied: "The Committee is trying to render a

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## Wheeler Hits Dakar 'Raid'

### Says Interventionists Urge Attack On Port

Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana charged this week that "crazy interventionists" are trying to persuade President Roosevelt to "raid" French, Spanish and Portuguese islands in the Atlantic and the port of Dakar, in French West Africa.

In a press conference, Mr. Wheeler denounced these proposals as wrong, and he said the interventionists advocating them "ought to examine the equipment, or rather lack of it, of the Marines and the Army."

## Nye Asks U.S. Post-War Aid

### Urges We Serve World By Staying At Peace

America should play a peaceful role in the war, so that we can lend a helping hand to Europe when an armistice is signed, Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota said this week in an address before an America First rally sponsored by the White Plains and Scarsdale chapters.

In his speech, broadcast over a Mutual Broadcasting System network, Mr. Nye said: "It becomes more obvious daily to Americans that things are probably not as they have been made to seem by those who have been leading America down the path to involvement in Europe's war. The causes and purposes which these leaders enunciate more and more lend themselves to the charge of 'fraud.'"

"America's place in this hour, when so many fraudulent causes are being dangled before our eyes, is to religiously stay out of that war, preserve our resources, maintain as large as possible a degree of solvency as is possible, to the end that, when the hour of exhaustion comes to Europe, we can be the anchor and the helping hand that the world is going so desperately to need if it is to be saved from worse than war."

Michael Strange also spoke at the rally.

## Richmond Hill Unit Hears Atwell At Rally

With a capacity attendance of old, new and prospective America Firsters, the Richmond Hill Unit of Queens held its first Membership Rally on June 11 at the Richmond Hill Square Club. The principal speaker was Edward Atwell, a South African. Plans were approved to open a local unit headquarters

## They Show Dejection As All Are Recovered From Torpedoed Ship

The big events on the war-making front during the last week was the sinking of the Robin Moor and the closing of the German consulates. When news of the Robin Moor sinking reached America the war-makers here jumped for joy. This was the "incident" they were waiting and praying for.

Alsop and Kintner, two columnist allies of the government, said the President had been trying to goad the Germans into shooting. Friends of the President denied this and the America First Committee refused to credit it. But when the Robin Moor went down the war-group all yelled: "What are we waiting for?"

### Churchill's Words Recalled

It was hailed as "another Lusitania" incident. In the last war Winston Churchill had said it was important "to get some American blood spilled in Europe" in order to arouse Americans to fight. And Ambassador Morgenthau (father of the present secretary) told the private secretary of the King that American sentiment was boiling up fast and that soon he could look forward to "some American blood" being spilled.

The Robin Moor looked like "American blood spilled" this time. But there was great dejection in the war camp when it turned out that no American blood had been spilled.

It took two years after the Lusitania incident before America went to war before. The Robin Moor has therefore flivvered as a war incident. The war groups were so exasperated at the President's refusal to take the plunge that one of them—The Flight for Freedom crowd—took almost a full page ad to reach the President and headed it "What are we waiting for, Mr. President?"

The President is doubtless waiting to get some guns, some planes, some tanks and about 350 more warships—all of which will take several years. But as these war committees are made up largely of fighting parsons and warlike ladies—they are not interested in such minor details as guns and planes. They just want war.

### Two Views on Consulates

The closing of the German consulates may be viewed in several ways. Some are inclined to think that its chief purpose is to add one more provocation to Germany to induce her to "shoot first." On the other hand if these consulates have been, as the President says, carrying on propaganda among Americans, there is no reason why they should not be closed.

The same treatment ought to be accorded to all diplomatic agents to this country who abuse their position here to carry on propaganda among our people.

It might be a good idea to put an end to the activities of the British embassy in Washington, which is spending millions on propaganda and recently openly appointed the minister, Sir Gerald Campbell, as head of its publicity department.



# U.S. Would Be Forced To Fight In Europe, Asia

## Japan Pledged To Attack If We War On Germany

### Interventionists Lose Patience With President; Military Expert Cites Faults of Arms Program

The Dutch East Indies are far from here, but the troubles there with Japan have a deep concern for us. These rich islands—Sumatra, Java, Borneo—are from 7,000 to 9,000 miles from San Francisco. They have a population of about 63,000,000 orientals—some very highly civilized. These vast possessions are owned by little Holland and ruled without any trace of democracy. Japan has her eyes on them, on Indo China which belongs to France, and on Malay which belongs to Britain.

These three powers have conquered and exploited these countries and their millions—

just as Italy has exploited Ethiopia. Whether Holland or France or Britain or Japan owns these island has nothing to do with either democracy or civilization. It is certainly not something for which we should fight. But trouble is brewing there. And it concerns us because we seem to be getting ourselves tangled in a web of alliances by which we must send our sons and our ships 8,000 miles into the Pacific to defend England's, France's and Holland's colonial imperial loot in Asia.

But it has another meaning. Europe thinks we are getting ready to fight in Europe. Japan has a new pact with Germany to fight with her if we fight against her.

If we go to war against Germany, Japan will fight against us. What she will do is to attack the East Indies and perhaps threaten the Philippines. We will not then dare send our fleet into the Atlantic to aid England. And we will not dare send it to Asia to check Japan there because we haven't got a two ocean fleet. This is what happens to countries when, like France, they bite off more than they can chew. We can defend ourselves. We cannot fight in Europe and Asia.

#### War Committees Lose Patience with President.

The Get-us-into-war committees flourish like the daisies. The

Fight for Freedom, Inc., seems now to have taken the ball away from the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies. It is a little hard to keep track of all the German Bunds and the British Bunds that are pulling to help either Germany or Britain—and to hell with America.

The Fight for Freedom Committee has just printed a large three-quarter page ad asking the President—"What Are We Waiting For?" These war makers are getting a little out of patience with the President.

Of course he might reply that he is waiting until he gets some guns, planes, tanks. Of course he can't fight a war with words. But this committee wants an immediate seizure of the Cape Verde Island and the Azores. The fact that one of these islands is off the coast of Europe and the other is off the coast of Africa and that both of them belong to Portugal mean nothing to the Anglican Bishop Hobson who heads this committee.

What rights has Portugal? Of course Portugal has told Secretary Hull that she will resist any such invasion by us with force. But there is another little point for the warlike Bishop. Spain and Germany are trying to push Portugal into the Axis orbit. The Fight for Freedom Committee has thought up a wonderful way to hurry Portugal into the arms of Germany.

God save England from her

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friends! And save America too from England's friends!

#### Congressman Collins Knows What "We Are Waiting For."

Are we really arming for defense? Are we arming at all? Congressman Ross A. Collins, in this month's Reader's Digest, says we are not. He is an active member of the Military Affairs Committee—the man who forced the army to build the Flying Fortress. He says that the army is stubbornly refusing to heed the lessons of Europe.

He points out that the army that conquered France was an army of only 145,000 men armed with a deadly mass of tanks, trucks, planes. They rolled over and crushed 2,000,000 Frenchmen and drove 350,000 British soldiers out of France. The balance of the German army was used just to occupy the conquered territory and round up the prisoners.

But we, he says, are building an old-fashioned mass army—in fantry, cavalry, field artillery. We have 33 divisions and only one is fully motorized. We have only two panzer (mechanized) divisions, are training two and plan to create two more—six against Germany's 14. Moreover, he says that today we do not have one division fit for combat. They are still teaching the boys to drill and ride—men who should know how to handle machinery.

But, of course, there is no machinery—and there will not be any for a long time. Yet the bloodthirsty preachers and women in the war committees want us to go to war at once. What are we waiting for? Ask Congressman Collins.

#### Alsop and Kintner Do Their Bit for War-Bund.

Two of the most virulent propagandists for getting this country into war were Messrs. Alsop and Kintner—columnists who have now gone into the navy as lieutenants. They are of draft age, but nicely escape the draft by becoming naval lieutenants.

However, they performed one last service for the war-bund before they left. They told the public that the President was scheming to get Germany to shoot first so he could start shooting (statement we do not believe) and they announced that an American destroyer had

bombed a German destroyer—thus saying that we had actually begun to shoot.

And so, after having sworn these two young warriors into the navy, Secretary Knox was compelled to disown and deny this story and criticize newspaper men who printed such things. The story just wasn't true. Like much that is being printed to inflame people it was a pure invention of someone.

#### War-Makers Unmask Their Real Aims.

The propaganda of the war bund is now becoming plain. For over a year they said that America was aiding Britain not for Britain's sake, but for our own sake. We were defending ourselves. We were buying time. We needed time to arm. It was a case of pure selfishness.

The chief champion of this point of view was Secretary Knox. He told a Senate Committee only a few months ago that we were spending all this money to aid Britain "just to

buy time" and for purely selfish purposes. Now he and the other war-bundists have brought us along so close to war that they have forgotten all about that.

This week Secretary Knox told an audience in Montreal that America is not arming and aiding England just to help ourselves. If we fight it will not be for pure selfishness. We can protect ourselves. We can get ready in time to resist an attack. If we fight, we are going to fight out of purely unselfish love of freedom.

Secretary Knox is no longer interested in "buying time" to enable us to arm. We are not armed yet for a war abroad. Everybody knows it—and he knows it. Yet, having spent billions to buy time, he is ready now to plunge in without taking the time we have paid for so dearly.

The truth is that all these arguments are trumped up arguments.

The real purpose behind the war-makers is to get us into the war as quickly as possible to save the British Empire.

#### New War Committee Talks About "Freedom."

Another war committee has been formed—The Ring of Freedom. They are always about "freedom" or "democracy." But actually they are always to get us into war.

This one was organized Tuesday night at the Town Hall by Miss Dorothy Thompson. The best evidence of what this new organization is can be seen in the people who sponsor it.

Miss Thompson is its mother. She is the lady who wants the United States and Britain to form one country—for America to team up as part of a vast American-British Empire, with America paying the bills and fighting the wars of Britain.

The chief speaker was Mr. Frank Kingdon. He is chairman of the New York Chapter of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies. Mr. Kingdon was born in England, and has been carrying on here valiantly for his mother country. He is New York's official chief war maker to "defend America."

The other speaker was Mr. John Basset, Jr., Canadian lieutenant of the Black Watch. He came to tell American youth "their duty"—to America, of course.

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# Can Hitler Invade America?

(Reprinted from the Reader's Digest of April, 1941.)

By JOHN T. FLYNN

Americans are told that the war in Europe is our war, because if Hitler defeats England the United States is next. He will invade America. And many people believe this so firmly that they are willing to go to any lengths to help Britain defeat Hitler. A great and vital question of the day is, therefore, CAN Hitler invade America?

Let us see what Hitler would require in order to do so.

First of all, remember that the countries he has so far conquered are much smaller, all put together, than the United States. Their total populations equal 110,000,000. Ours is 130,000,000. They are seven different countries, each small compared with Germany, each (except Norway) right on Germany's land frontiers. Hitler attacked each one separately. All he had to do was to roll across their borders with his vast mechanical equipment.

Germany has 80 million population, a gigantic army and an air force THREE times the size of Britain's. England has only 50 million people. But when Hitler turned on England there was the English Channel—only 23 miles wide at its narrowest point. Ten months after France fell, he still had not even attempted to cross that narrow strip of water with soldiers or tanks. When he attempts to invade the United States—or Canada—he would face the problem of crossing with his armies 3,000 miles of the Atlantic Ocean and confronting not 50,000,000 people on a small island with small natural resources, but a vast nation with 130,000,000 people and resources far exceeding his own.

## Germany Needs Millions Of Men

Just what would be the job that Hitler would have on his hands? His armies are mighty because they are equipped with an endless supply of tanks, armored trucks, machine guns and cannon and mortars, anti-aircraft guns and anti-tank guns and motorcycle squadrons and planes. If Hitler attempted to invade America he would have to bring not only his soldiers but all this equipment. Without it he would be helpless.

German army leaders have shown immense intelligence. They are not going to attempt to conquer us without bringing enough men here to do the job. How many men would that be? When Hitler went into Poland, just across his borders, he marched with 1,000,000 men. When he moved against Holland, Belgium and France he used not less than 2,000,000 men. Is it not a fair assumption that to defeat the United States here he would need at least as many men as he took into France? Could Hitler conquer this country with less than three or four million men?

But let us suppose that Hitler might be crazy enough to try to beat the United States with 1,000,000 men. How much equipment would he have to bring along? Figures based on the equipment carried by American army units show a staggering amount of equipment necessary for such a force, though they are very much under what the Germans carry. But, on the American system, Hitler's million invaders would have to bring with them, among other things, over 44,000 guns of various types; over 100,000 vehicles, including 4,500 tanks; and nearly 10,000 planes.

Such an army would have to bring its food, its oil, its ammunition until the country is conquered. It would require, each day, 9,000,000 pounds of rations and supplies, 1,500,000 gallons of gasoline, 150,000 gallons of oil. The quantities of shot and shell needed would be staggering. After Hitler's army got here, it would have to keep open a continuous flow of provisions, fuel, ammunition and replacements of



This Map Shows the Vast Distances Hitler Would Have to Travel With Tremendous Numbers of Men, Food, Oil and All Kinds of Equipment If He Ever Tried to Invade America

arms and equipment. Transporting this vast army, and the equipment and supplies it would require, is beyond the power of any country.

## Initial Force Of 50,000 Most That Can Be Sent

Hanson W. Baldwin, military expert of the New York Times, says: "The world's tonnage facilities are such that no combination of powers could possibly transport more than 300,000 men in a month. An initial expeditionary force of 50,000 would be the maximum that could be brought against us, if the size of convoy, number of ships and planes needed for protection and the like are considered."

In the World War we sent 2,000,000 men to France. But we had the ships of twelve countries and the American, British and French navies. The Germans were without a fleet. We landed these men on a friendly shore and sent engineers and mechanics ahead of them to build ports and docks to unload the equipment.

Let us suppose that Germany has defeated England and taken the British navy. She now decides to send her army to America.

## U. S. Navy Would Be More Formidable

Germany, even with the British fleet, would not have complete command of the seas. The American navy would have to be wiped out. Two things must be remembered. First, at the end of this war the American navy would be larger than the German navy and the British navy combined. Second, Germany would have to do its naval fighting on this side of the ocean. Three thousand miles away from their own coasts this navy would be helpless against a navy merely its equal in numbers but three times its strength in effective fighting power.

Much is made of the point that our fleet would be divided or wholly engaged in the Pacific, or that it could be closed out of the Atlantic by bombing the Panama Canal. This is a decisive argument for keeping out of England's quarrel in the Orient and keeping the bulk of our fleet where it might be really needed. The weight of naval opinion is that Japan would never dream of carrying a war to these shores. Her interests are in the East.

If 30 or 40 Nazi ships with 50,000 men, convoyed by warships, attempted to land here, they would not sneak in on some dark night. Plane scouts would herald their approach days in advance. They could not empty their cargo on an open beach, but must first obtain possession of a secure harbor.

Warships convoying troop transports would be open to almost certain disaster from shore artillery, always considered superior to seaborne guns. When these coastal defenses are reinforced by shore-based air forces no military commander would attempt landing. The inability of the British to land in Norway once Germany had

gotten there first and the deadly power of massed airplanes against British convoying warships in the Mediterranean leave little doubt on this question. It was this which led General Hagood to say in 1937: "America is the strongest military nation on earth—that is, the easiest nation to prepare for defense." And in 1938 Rear Admiral Cook told a congressional committee: "I do not think that any fleet could make an effective landing on our coast, whether we had a navy or not, provided enough shore-based aircraft are available."

Even the planes used by this invading force must be transported to this country by ships. They cannot come as hostile craft and find a friendly landing here.

## Invading Armada At Our Mercy

For every man transported there must be at least seven and a half tons of shipping. An attacking force of 100,000 thus would require 750,000 tons. Averaging 5,000 tons, this would require 150 vessels, convoyed by a flotilla of seven battleships, several aircraft carriers, seven light cruisers, a couple of minelayers and at least 70 destroyers. Imagine this immense armada, moving slowly over the seas 3,000 miles from its own base and at the mercy of our navy and air force, and compelled to land at a port protected by heavy guns and mine-sown seas. The idea is fantastic.

To come here after defeating England, Hitler would have to set out upon a vast military adventure, using up all the resources he has. And he would leave behind him on his rear Russia, which would welcome his plight, and 200,000,000 sullen people in Europe who would be watching the moment to cause him trouble. That moment would come when he was compelled to strip himself in Europe to fight here. Dictators don't take such chances.

## President Admitted Invasion Is Impossible

The President said in his Message to Congress on January 6, 1941: "Even if there were no British navy it is not probable any enemy would be stupid enough to attack us by landing troops in the United States from across thousands of miles of ocean, until it had acquired strategic bases from which to operate." Here is a complete admission that invasion is impossible, from the lips of a man who has done more than any other to frighten us with the fear of invasion.

The President saves his point by insisting that Hitler would first have to acquire bases in this hemisphere. Those bases would have to be much closer to the United States than is Germany, otherwise there would be no sense in bases. Brazil is the South American base to which the President is found of referring. This is because Hitler could take over West Africa

and concentrate his forces at Dakar, which is only 1,600 miles from Pernambuco in Brazil. Hitler will be able to cross over the Atlantic at this narrow stretch to Brazil and, as Senator Claude Pepper has described it, roll on through Venezuela, Colombia, Central America and Mexico to the Rio Grande.

This proposal is so grotesque that it hardly calls for an answer. Before he started from Germany he would be 3,300 miles from the United States. After traveling 5,000 miles to Brazil he would be farther away from the United States than when he started. And he would have to march a million men with all their supplies through tropical jungles and over rugged mountains!

## Experts Discount Greenland Threat

Others tell us he will go to Greenland, but military and aviation experts know it is impossible to build bases there to accommodate either naval or airplane units large enough for attack here. Even if it were possible, Hitler could not do this unless he had command of the seas. And if he had command of the seas he wouldn't go to Greenland.

There are, however, other bases from which attacks might be launched: Newfoundland, Bermuda, the West Indies, or any British or Dutch or French possessions in the neighborhood of the northern coast of South America. But American warships could almost the very day that England fell take possession of these places without firing a shot, spending a dollar, or losing a man.

As for Newfoundland, there we would pursue the policy we would adopt for all of Canada. We would announce that we would resist with force any attack upon that country. The same arguments which reveal the impossibility of a frontal attack on the United States apply to Canada backed by the United States.

Conquest by fifth-column penetration is suggested. Secret agents can certainly aid an invader, but they could not be of decisive aid in a country as large as ours nor effect POSSESSION of any country in this hemisphere. Some go so far as to say Hitler could take over Brazil by telephone. I have been able to find no military authority who believes that Germany could seize a country on this continent except by military conquest and occupation.

## Air Fleet Non-Existent That Could Conquer Us

But how about aerial conquest? Well, there is not in existence any fleet of planes that could menace us from Europe or from any base such as Greenland or the Azores. Some bombers could get over and drop a few bombs. But everyone knows by now that you do not conquer a country merely by dropping bombs on it. It must be occupied.

Americans are willing to aid Britain because they hate fascism, they are against Hitler, they look upon the English government, despite its aristocratic character, and its empire, as more civilized than Hitler's dictatorship. They are willing to help through a generous sympathy. But they should disabuse themselves of the panicky illusion that they must help Britain because a victorious Hitler would conquer America next.

We must provide this country with defenses that will make an invasion by any force, however great, impossible. But few Americans want to create a force capable of invading Europe or Asia and carrying on an aggressive war there. AND IT IS A SIGNIFICANT FACT THAT THERE IS NO MILITARY AUTHORITY IN THIS COUNTRY WHO BELIEVES THAT AN INVASION OF AMERICA BY GERMANY—WITH OR WITHOUT THE BRITISH FLEET IS POSSIBLE.

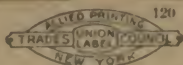


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## You Can Stop The War-Makers

The issue of war or peace is rapidly nearing a crisis. The next few weeks may be decisive. They may determine whether we maintain our traditional American way of life or whether we jump tragically unprepared into a foreign war—a war more prolonged, more horrible than any the nation has ever faced.

The war-makers think they have already made your decision for you. Actually they have not. The decision is still yours to make. You can passively submit to the hysterical, high-pressure propaganda of the war-makers and permit yourself to be drawn into this war. Or you can, with your own power and that of 80 per cent of the people like you, stop dead in its tracks the march toward war.

When the war-makers talk about going to war, they do not mean themselves or people in some remote place whose welfare does not concern you. They mean you—you who will have to do the sweating and the suffering, the fighting and the dying.

They mean you—or your son, your brother or your dearest friend—who will be taken off to some distant, disease-infested place to hate and to kill, to have your eyes blown from the sockets, your legs torn from beneath you, your heart stopped dead in a prayer as you plead to God for life.

They mean you men and women who will have to stay at home while the war rages abroad, who will have to pay the money costs—the taxes that take half your earnings, that double and triple the price of your children's milk, that force you to accept a thousand hardships of "meatless days," "sugarless days," "gasless days" and in return give you, in pine boxes, the ghastly pieces that remain of your loved ones.

The war-makers mean you who will have to accept an American form of Hitlerism, with your freedom of speech supplanted by the concentration camp, your freedom of work supervised by an American Gestapo, your freedom of race over-ridden by government agents searching your homes and seizing your properties "because you have a foreign name."

When the war-makers talk of war, they neglect to remind you of what will happen after the war. They forget about the long, wearisome breadlines—the starving women and children prowling the streets for a few crumbs of food to eat—the despair and hopelessness of millions of men thrown from their jobs because war industries no longer need them. They neglect to tell you that you may be out of a job for years and that your government will be unable to feed you and your wife and children because the government will already have debts of more than a hundred billion of dollars. They neglect to say that the dictatorship necessary to carry on the war will also be necessary to keep this post-war chaos from spreading. Such things are inevitable in bankrupt nations.

The war-makers neglect all these things in their frenzy to drive you into a war you do not want. They neglect to tell you that you—and your children and your children's children—will have to pay in misery and poverty and possibly slavery for the war they are now urging upon you.

Long after you are dead and your corpse has been food for European or Asiatic worms, or your democratic way of life has perished and your "war prosperity" has turned sourly into the most agonizing want, the war-makers will still be around to prate about the glories of war.

They will be around to declare that you, as one of the people, do not matter; that they, with their powerful press and radio, their high-priced propaganda and their words of smear, are the only ones who count.

If they succeed in destroying democracy now—in taking from you your God-given right to exercise your voice in government—they will keep you in chains for generations.

You can stop them. You can stop them so firmly and strongly now that they will not dare lead you into this suicidal war you do not want.

Stop them today. Tell them—through letters and telegrams to the President, your Senators and Congressman—that you want democracy here, that you want the majority of Americans to count, that you want your American way of life to survive.

Tell them you want no foreign war, no wholesale slaughter of a million American men, no post-war chaos for America.

Tell them today, for it may soon be too late to stop the war-makers, too late to save America.

## A Week's Quotes

**OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD:** "The heat and bitterness shown by the pro-war people and notably members of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies and their apparent determination to deprive those on the other side of the right to free speech and public debate are pretty good evidence that there is something very wrong with their cause."

**ALFRED M. LANDON:** "To send men into the field and unaccustomed to their equipment is sheer murder. I, for one, want to know how much training our men are receiving with the equipment they will use in actual combat, if engaged in combat."

**NEW YORK JOURNAL AND AMERICAN:** "Our people may be TRICKED into the war."

"They may even be THRUST into the war."

"But assuredly they are NOT being beguiled into the war by all the hectic war propaganda with which they are assailed."

"And if the American people want to avoid being TRICKED or THRUST into the war they must MAKE THEIR WILL PRE-VAIL—at Washington, with their elected officials and representatives in the Government."

**REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN A. DAY OF ILLINOIS:** "The tide is turning in Washington. The Congress is determined to drive the serpent of internationalism from the free soil of America."

**SENATOR JOHN A. DANAHER:** "If, after the situation has been thoroughly canvassed, it shall appear that American national interests demand our entry into war, and Congress speaking for the people shall so declare, you will see a unified American people to support our national effort. Until that dreadful moment comes, and God forbid that it ever shall, American citizens have a perfect right, in fact it is their duty, to ascertain the facts and not be coerced or beguiled by...propaganda efforts to take us into war."

## Chapters Welcome Voluntary Workers

If you are a member of the America First Committee you can help the cause of peace greatly by contributing your services in your spare time. If you can type or do secretarial work, filing, or mailing, your services will be welcome at any A.F.C. chapter.

Offices of most chapters are open daily until 10 P.M. and much work is done in the evening by volunteers with regular day-time jobs. If you wish to offer your services, call at any chapter or at the headquarters of the New York Chapter, 515 Madison Avenue.

## On The Peace Front

The New York Daily News points out this interesting "study in contrast":

May 29—Secretary of the Interior Ickes proposed "gasoline-less Sundays" on the eastern seaboard.

May 30—Lord Woolton, British food minister, suggested "creamless days" in the United States.

June 6—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard urged Americans to "reduce the consumption of cheese."

June 8—Canadian Government Travel Bureau advertised in the New York Times: "It is easy to enter and leave Canada...There is absolutely no rationing of food or gasoline."

One thousand Protestant ministers from all parts of the United States have signed a resolution opposing this country's "threatened belligerency" and promising they will not use their ministry to promote war. The resolution, announced by the Rev. A. J. Muste, secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, declared:

"As a Christian, I see no possibility of reconciliation between the central teachings of Jesus and the necessary operations of war; as a loyal citizen, devoted to the cause of liberty and democracy, I am unalterably opposed to the present threatened belligerency of this country. Both as a citizen and a Christian, therefore, I must in loyalty to conscience affirm my pledge not to use my ministry to bless, sanction or support war."

The direct question of war or peace this week was laid before the enrolled voters of the 26th New York Congressional District by Representative Hamilton Fish, ranking minority member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Every enrolled voter in the district, which comprises Orange, Dutchess and Putnam counties, is receiving a letter from Representative Fish with a return postcard ballot which puts the question:

The United States should—Enter the War—Stay Out of the War.

"In such critical times it appears to me that the people's representatives in Congress should take stock of the sentiment of their constituents to the end that they may truly and honestly represent them," Mr. Fish said.

The Labor-Veterans division, at 1050 Second Avenue, is enlisting hundreds of new members for the America First cause from the ranks of unions and veterans' groups. This division, of which Edward Atwell is director, urges working men to visit its offices and join in the cause of peace.

## Committee Defeats Attempt To Kill Hartford Rally

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public service by making vocal the opinions of loyal citizens and loyal senators on the vital issues before the country."

Commenting editorially the Hartford Courant, one of New England's leading newspapers, said: "Why should its [The Committee to Defend America, etc.] principal spokesman say that it makes for 'disunity' to have those who want to keep this nation out of a shooting war raise their voices. Everybody knows that there is not unity with respect to the issues raised by the European conflict and the attitude of the United States toward that conflict. But the nearest approach for unity that we have is the desire of an overwhelming majority of the American people to keep out of war."

Mr. Batterson also publicly attacked Senator John A. Danaher for his acceptance of the Committee's invitation to speak with

Senator Wheeler at the rally.

In a public reply to Mr. Batterson which received nationwide attention in the press, Senator Danaher wrote in part, "I am a member of no committee and sponsor no movement but when circumstances permit and when called upon by honest forthright Americans to say something in behalf of the American cause, I am glad to cooperate and am taking the liberty of inviting you to be present at Bulkeley Stadium in Hartford on the evening of June 25 when, at 8:00 o'clock, I expect to be in Hartford with Senator Wheeler to tell our citizens something of what the issues really are."

Keep yourself informed of all important developments on the peace front by subscribing for the America First Bulletin today. Subscription coupon on page two.

## Attend These Rallies—Hear These Broadcasts

**THURSDAY, June 19—Poughkeepsie, N. Y.,** rally at Poughkeepsie High School. Speakers: Senator David I. Walsh, Rep. Hamilton Fish, Mrs. Bennett Champ Clark. 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY, June 20—Paterson, N. J.,** Chapter rally. Jeanette Rankin speaks.

**SATURDAY, June 21—RADIO BROADCAST.** Senator Gerald P. Nye speaks for America First over WABC and the full Columbia Broadcasting System network. 8:30-8:55 p.m., EDST.

**SATURDAY, June 21—RADIO BROADCAST** from Dubuque. NBC Blue network, 11-11:30 p.m., EDST. Senator Wheeler speaks. Subject: "Peace or War."

**SUNDAY, June 22—RADIO BROADCAST** from CHICAGO. WGN and the Mutual Broadcasting System. 10:15-10:30 p.m., EDST. Senator Wheeler speaks.

**MONDAY, June 23—Queens Village Unit rally,** P.S. 109, 213th St. and 92d Ave., Queens Village,

L. I. Speakers: Dr. Charles Fleischer, Charles Wrangell. 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY, June 24—Brooklyn Chapter rally,** Knight of Columbus clubhouse, 1 Prospect Park West. Senator Bennett Champ Clark will speak. 8:30 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY, June 25—RADIO BROADCAST** from Washington. WJSV and the Columbia Broadcasting System, 10:15-10:30 p.m., EDST. Senator Taft speaks.

**WEDNESDAY, June 25—Great outdoor Regional Southern New England rally.** Bulkeley Stadium, Hartford, Conn. Speakers: Senators Wheeler and Danaher. Special train leaves Grand Central Station at 5:10 p.m.; stops at Stamford, Bridgeport, New Haven. Round trip fare, including reserved seat at rally, \$2.95 from New York. BROADCAST: WTIC, Hartford, 8:30-9 p.m. and 9:30-10 p.m.

**FRIDAY, July 1—Yonkers rally.** John T. Flynn and Rep. Hamilton Fish will speak.